



APPROACHING LIFE TOGETHER

The Rev'd Christopher L. Epperson

While the beginning of a new Church year starts with Advent, the rest of the world looks to January 1. While we mark Church time by preparing for the birth of Christ, many look toward the calendar. Whatever your sense of things, within a matter of



weeks here or there, we are at the start, once again.

Hinge points in time are worthy of quiet reflection. We might consider the past, even though it is gone, for the purpose of looking toward the future. Given where we have been, where do we

want to go? We ask this of ourselves, and we ask as a community.

I am asking the same questions of myself, and I am thinking about our parish. I am considering how I want to grow in the future, and what the growing edges are for our church. These questions and our consideration of them are not as obvious as they might seem.

We are all unique individuals with hopes and dreams, and some expectations about what would lead to a sense of fulfillment. Do we we really know what would be life-giving for us, or are our yearnings misdirected? If we got what we want, would we find contentment? One thing is certain, we have to be honest with ourselves about what would make us comfortable, and what would feed our innermost hunger.

I hope we approach our life together as a parish the same way. We are able to see the many activities that comprise our way of doing Church. We do lots of things, and we do them well. These activities keep us busy, and they keep us working. Our corporate practice of faith is about more than staying busy.

I invite you to consider more than our way of doing the things of Church, but how we are the Church. Our actions are important, but as followers of Jesus, let's think about who we are.

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Contributions Due by Year End
Monday, December 31
Brown-Bag Bible Study
Wednesdays @ noon
Bruton Singles
First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, January 4 @ 5:30pm
Epiphany Pageant
Sunday, January 6 @ 9:15am
Newcomers' Corner
Sunday, January 6 @ 10:30am
Community Video Series
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Sundays, January 6, 13 & 20 from 2:30-5pm
Women's Evening Potluck
Tuesday, January 8 @ 6:30pm
COFM Volunteer Training
Tuesday, January 8, either 1-2pm or 7-8pm
The Good Book Club
Thursday, January 10, 7-8:15pm
Vestry Installation
Sunday, January 13 @ 9:15am
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Sunday, January 13 @ 1pm
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Habitat Ground Breaking Ceremony
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"Warm Up" Williamsburg for COFM
Friday, January 25, 5:15 - 8pm
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January 25 - 27
Women's Theological Book Group *
Thursday, January 31 @ 1pm
Canterbury Gala & Silent Auction
Saturday, February 23, 6-9pm
Women's Lenten Retreat
March 8-10, 2019 @ Chanco
7th Annual Friends of Bruton Day
Saturday, May 4 @ Jamestown

* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Please contact Meghan Brewer at 757-345-6489 or send an email to childcare@brutonparish.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 6

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Epiphany Pageant @ 9:15am
(no Children's Church)
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Sunday, January 13

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
No Children's Church
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Sunday, January 20

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children's Church @ 9:15 **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

Sunday, January 27

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
No Children's Church
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

Noonday Prayer @ Church
Monday - Saturday

Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel
Tuesdays @ 8am

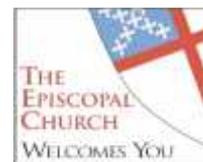
Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Wednesdays @ 11am (Church)

Canterbury Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer
or Choral Evensong
Tuesdays @ 5:30pm in Wren Chapel
when college is in session

** Held in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House.

NEWCOMERS' CORNER

New members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton Parish. Please join us on Sunday, January 6.



FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

CONTRIBUTIONS DUE BY YEAR END

Marty Easton

Please note that in order for a check to be counted as a 2018 contribution for tax purposes, it must be either:

- ❑ physically in the Parish House by 5pm on December 31, 2018 (although the Parish Office will be technically closed that day, Ed Emery, Bruton's Controller, will be working, so you will still be able to drop off your check);
- ❑ placed in the offering plate on Sunday, December 30, 2018;
- ❑ or postmarked and mailed on or before December 31, 2018.

Some people choose to pre-pay the next year's pledge. To do so, please write Annual Giving 2019 on the memo line of the check. Cash in the plate is welcome as a means of pledge payment. Please place the bills in an ordinary envelope and print your full name on the outside.

A word about weekly offerings and pledge payments: Do you wish to discontinue pre-printed offering envelopes in the new year? Contact the Finance Office and we will do that for you. Checks may be folded in half and placed in the alms basin (offering plate). For cash, please place bills in any ordinary envelope and write your full name on the outside.

In 2019, we will accept credit card payments as always. From the home page of our website, click the GIVE button. You will be directed to ACS Pay Plus to make a single payment or set up a recurring payment.

We have an email you may use to contact the Finance Office directly. It is finance@brutonparish.org. Please feel free to write to that email address and Ed, Nancy or Marty will reply to you. If you would rather leave a voicemail, please call 757-345-2256.

Thank you for your support
of Bruton Parish Church in 2019!

VESTRY INSTALLATION 2019

Installation of the 2019 Vestry will take place on Sunday, January 13, during the 9:15am service. Those being installed are: Douglas Boller, Bill Butler, Terri Cordle, Virginia Elwell, Dick Estes, Libby Flowers, Melinda Gibson, Ron Hurst, Marty Jones, John Snead, Johanna Thompson and Spence Webster.

BRUTON PARKING PASSES

Mike Wanless

In cooperation with the City of Williamsburg and the Williamsburg Police Department, any Bruton Parish Parking Pass that you may have been issued in the past will no longer be honored after December 31, 2018. Please discard your pass at this time.

There is a two-hour limit on parking in the P2 lot behind the Parish House which the City will begin enforcing on January 1st. The various committees and ministries that meet at the parish house are generally here less than two hours, so parking past the two-hour limit would not be a problem. Arrangements are also made for committees, ministries and events to park on Duke of Gloucester Street which, at present, is east of Nassau Street in front of the Armistead House while the ice rink is up. This assists us in parking needs past the two-hour limit, and helps accommodate the numbers of vehicles for special events in particular.

Please always use caution when driving and parking on Duke of Gloucester Street for church services, meetings, and events. If you have any questions, please contact me at 757-229-2891 or mwanless@brutonparish.org.



WEDNESDAYS BROWN-BAG BIBLE STUDY

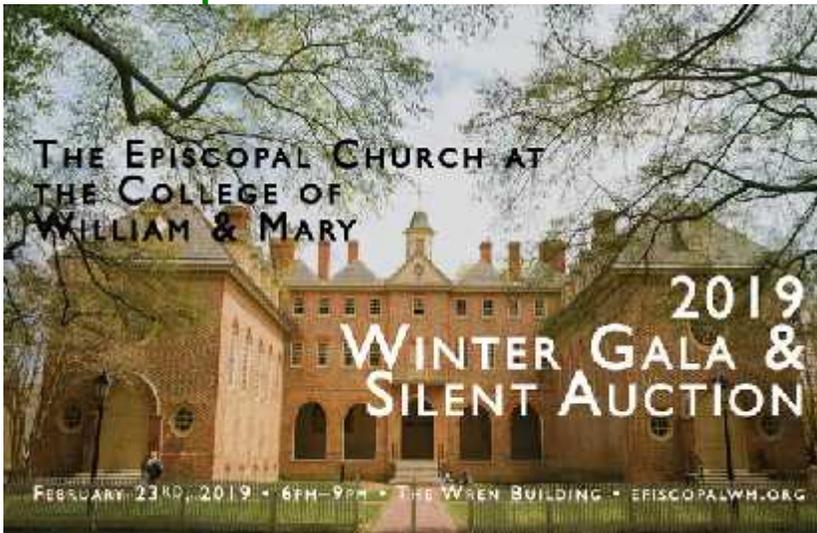
Bring lunch on Wednesdays at noon to the Coffee, Tea & Thee room upstairs in the Parish House. This Lectionary-based Bible study is centered upon the Gospel for the coming Sunday. The preacher for the week will facilitate these sessions where those in attendance will be able to reflect upon the scriptures that will be the focus of the Sunday sermon. The studies may provide increased insight into the sermon or explore aspects of the passages beyond the scope of the sermon, or both.

LIVING THE GOSPEL BIBLE STUDY

This adult Lectionary-based Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am in the Custis House. The study looks at what the impact of the Gospel message is on our everyday lives. Please join us on Sundays, January 13 & 27.

SUNDAY USHER MINISTRY

This ministry needs YOU to help serve the church. As the new year is coming, some of our current ushers will be retiring, and we will need to replace them. All services will be needing ushers! Please think about it — if you already attend that service, why not usher once every six weeks? We really need your help! Please contact Ginny or Bill Dugge at ushers@brutonparish.org to volunteer.



February 23, 2019 6-9pm

Historic Christopher Wren Building
at William & Mary

Admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, and tours of the Wren Building .

Tickets are \$75 per person.

Purchase your tickets online now at
<http://bit.ly/CANTERBURYGALA-2019>
After you put in the amount (\$75 for one, \$150 for two, etc.), click over to "Give To" and choose
CANTERBURY GALA 2019 - \$75/TICKET.

Purchase physical tickets by contacting Hilary
Cooley at the Parish House at 757-345-2252
or hcooley@brutonparish.org.

Please consider donating quality items or gift baskets to the Canterbury Association for the silent auction. We welcome collaborative gift baskets from committees or groups of people. If you are interested in compiling a gift basket, please contact [Alex Maneval directly by email at armaneal@email.wm.edu](mailto:armaneal@email.wm.edu)

All proceeds benefit Canterbury Missions Fund, which provides grants to various charities and scholarships to William & Mary students for international trips.

If you cannot attend the event but wish to make a monetary contribution, you may donate online at bit.ly/ONLINE_GIVING and please choose CANTERBURY GALA or write a check payable to Bruton Parish Church with "Canterbury Missions Fund" in the memo and either: 1) place it in the offering plate on Sunday, 2) mail it to the Church Office at P.O. Box 3520, Williamsburg, VA 23187-3520, or 3) drop it by the Parish House.

OUR NEW WEEK IS JANUARY 13-20

WINTER SHELTER AT BRUTON

Sally & Bringier McConnell

Our hosting of the COFM Winter Shelter week at Bruton Parish will be upon us the week of January 13-20 which is right after the holidays! Thank you to the many parishioners who have already signed up for the various roles to serve our guests, but we still have some slots that need to be filled.

Don't let the hectic pace of the holidays keep you from taking a minute to sign up! It is easy and quick to do online. Just go to the Bruton website homepage and follow the link to bit.ly/COFMBPC2019.

It's also not too late to make a donation to the program. Monetary contributions continue to be accepted for the operating expenses associated with hosting our 25-30 guests for the week. Please visit us on our website at www.brutonparish.org or go directly to bit.ly/GIVINGTOBPC to make a donation online. You may also place your check in the offering plate at church or send it to the Parish House with "COFM" written in the memo.

Our volunteer training is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, in the Parish Hall. There are two sessions scheduled: 1-2pm and 7-8pm. Following a brief overview of the Shelter Week, volunteers will break into groups by the area for which they've volunteered (check-in, breakfast, dinner, check-out, etc.) where they will receive specific training on their duties.

All of these actions help to convey God's grace and love by providing physical warmth and nourishment to those dealing with fear, uncertainty, and homelessness.

"WARM UP" WILLIAMSBURG

"Warm Up" Williamsburg will be dishing out delicious soups, stews and chowders at their soup tasting dinner on Friday, January 25, from 5:15-8pm at the Williamsburg Community Chapel, to benefit the Community of Faith Mission (COFM) Emergency Winter Homeless Shelter. Local band Elderberry Jam is back by popular demand and our Bake Shop is going to be more delicious than ever. Tickets will go on sale in December.

For further information, please follow us on Facebook or go to COFM.info. If you have questions or wish to volunteer or provide items for our bake shop, contact (757) 903-7031 or Warmupwilliamsburg@gmail.com.



WOMEN'S EVENING POTLUCK

The Women of Bruton are having a Potluck Supper on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Janet Estes. All are invited and welcome to attend! To rsvp and get directions, please contact Janet directly at (757) 253-1682 or womenspotluck@brutonparish.org. Kindly plan to bring a dish to share.

WOMEN UNDER FORTYISH

The WUF Pack group of young adult women will gather on Sunday, January 13, at 1pm in the Coffee, Tea & Thee Room on the second floor of the Parish House. We will be using the African Bible Study Method to discuss scripture. No homework! Just bring yourself and enjoy the fellowship.

Childcare is available - it's helpful if you let us know how many "cubs" will be attending. If you are interested in more information, please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.

WOMEN'S THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP

The Women's Theological Book Group will meet on Thursday, January 31, from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. Our January book is the memoir, *Here If You Need Me*, by Kate Braestrup, about her experience becoming the first chaplain to the Maine Warden Service. All women are invited to join us, even if you haven't attended before. On Thursday, February 28, we will discuss *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg. For more information, please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald.

FIRST FRIDAYS RECOVERY EUCHARIST

The First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be January 4 at 5:30pm in the church. SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton host this monthly service with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially addiction, codependence, mental illness, and trauma. During the service participants may light candles and write prayer requests. Join us in the chancel of the church for a service where we pray for those still struggling, mourn those we've lost, and celebrate with those experiencing recovery. All are welcome, whether or not you're in recovery.



AN ADVENT QUIET AFTERNOON AT BRUTON PARISH

Margaret Stockton

The Women of Bruton hosted an Advent Quiet Afternoon on Thursday, December 6. A group of parishioners and a few visitors to the Colonial area gathered in the church for a quiet ministry directed by the Rev'd Lauren McDonald.

This service offered a series of spiritual presentations, candle lighting and prayers. Those attending found the afternoon to be very special in our beautiful Bruton Parish in the waning afternoon light. The quiet time together, focused on readings and meditation given by the light of the Advent Wreath, gave a feeling of Hope and Renewal. We eagerly anticipate that this is the birth of a new Bruton Advent tradition to share with our larger community.



WOMEN OF BRUTON'S SILENT LENTEN LUNCH

Mark your calendar and save the date for *Walking the Sacred Path: Using the Labyrinth to Deepen Your Lenten Journey* on Wednesday, March 27, at noontime in the Parish Hall (cost \$5). After a silent lunch with soup from the Carrot Tree, the Rev'd Lauren McDonald will give a short presentation on the history and meaning of the labyrinth and then facilitate a labyrinth walk in Lewis Hall. Finger labyrinths will also be available for those who do not wish to participate in the walk.



Welcome to the Good Book Club at Bruton. During January and February, we will be joining Episcopalians around the world in reading Paul's letter to the Romans. This year there are several ways to participate:

- ❑ Thursday nights from 7-8:15 beginning January 10, we will meet in Coffee, Tea, and Thee for group Bible study. Bring your Bible and come prepared to discuss the week's readings. The Rev'd Lauren McDonald, Glen Stebens, and Clara Pierson will be facilitating the group.
- ❑ Join in the online discussion group on Facebook by going to www.facebook.com/groups/1956489351235251, or contact Rev'd Lauren McDonald for help joining the group.
- ❑ You can read along at home. The daily readings are at www.goodbookclub.org/ readings.



M25 HOLIDAY PROJECTS FOR MATTHEW WHALEY

Alta Cassady

Matthew 25 (M25) members and volunteers packaged forty boxes of nonperishable food items for students at Matthew Whaley Elementary School to share with their families during the two-week school holiday. Cereal, fruit cups, graham crackers, mac and cheese and noodles were among the items included in the boxes to be distributed by school administrators prior to the school's Christmas holiday.

The boxes with lids were wrapped in cheerful, colorful holiday paper by committee members and volunteers. Christmas cookies in the shapes of stars, stockings, trees and wreaths were baked and decorated by the children and youth of the church and placed in the boxes with wishes for a Merry Christmas from Bruton Parish.

Susan Moorman coordinated the project and stated, "Once again, we are grateful for the generosity of Bruton Parish Church members

providing funding through a Mission and Outreach grant for our Christmas project. We are so thankful for this opportunity to share food for the holidays with Matthew Whaley Elementary School students and their families."

For the second year, M25 purchased winter jackets for Matthew Whaley Elementary School students identified by the school guidance counselor as being in need of one. While last year 30 jackets were needed, this year the need grew to 36. Thank you to Jo-Anne and Mike Hand for shopping for the jackets, Leslie and Rick Boye for storing the jackets, and Janet Estes for

delivering the jackets to Matthew Whaley. Funding came from Walmart, Target and Mission & Outreach. Reports are that the students are happy with the jackets, and no doubt a good deal warmer and dryer than they might have been this winter. Happy Holidays!

Pictured below wrapping M25 gifts were Ginny Elwell, Rev'd Lauren McDonald, Susan & Ken Moorman and Lynn Clark.



SO THAT NONE SHALL GO HUNGRY

The Rev'd Lauren McDonald

Bruton collected about 200 bags of nonperishable food during our Thanksgiving food drive. A hearty thank you to everyone for their generosity, to Michaeline Klob, Meghan Brewer, and our youth for organizing, preparing, and handing out bags, and Bill Butler, Michaeline Klob, and Hugh Rowland for transferring bags from the church to the Parish Hall. Thanks also go out to Catherine Allen, Laura Epperson, Karen Gordon, Joyce Haines, Ruth Plagenhoef, and Taylor Rowland, who helped to load and sort the food on the day after Thanksgiving. We've stocked the FISH shelves for some time to come.



Pictured above helping to stock FISH's shelves are Joyce Haines and Catherine Allen.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

Thank you to all who participated in this annual ministry through the Salvation Army to help make a wonderful Christmas for 100 children and seniors in need. Pictured below are Christine Britton, Hilary Cooley, and Meghan Brewer pictured along with the ever-growing mound of gifts. Two trips with the church van were needed to transport all of the gifts.



MISSION

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

The Rev'd Josh Stephens & Meghan Brewer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Children's Church will not be held in St. Mary's Chapel, so that all may join us in the "big" church at 9:15am for the Epiphany Pageant. Children's & Youth Choirs will meet in the choir room of the Parish House directly after the 9:15am service, since Sunday School does not resume until January 20. An Epiphany Potluck will be held in the Parish House from 5-7pm for all children/youth & families.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

No children's or youth programming this Sunday because we are holding a weekend-long Godly Play Training in the Parish House (many of our Sunday School teachers will be attending).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Youth and parents will be volunteering during the COFM Winter Shelter and providing our guests dinner that evening. Contact Meghan Brewer if you will be available to help out!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Children's Church will be held, followed by Sunday School and then Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Children's Church will not be held because Meghan will be away with the youth ski trip. Sunday School will be held, followed by Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal. Youth Group will not be held since many will be attending the Youth Ski Trip Weekend.

SWOOSHING AT SNOWSHOE

The Rev'd Josh Stephens

Our 2019 Ski Trip to Snowshoe has been set for January 25-27. All middle and high school students, and their friends, are invited for a fun ski weekend at Snowshoe, West Virginia.

We will leave on Friday, January 25, ski on Saturday, January 26, and then go ice tubing on Sunday, January 27, before heading home. We are staying at the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park near the resort.

Please mark your calendars and sign up at bit.ly/brutonparishskitrip2019 by Monday, January 7.

Below are pictures from the many activities our children and youth enjoyed this past month!

Nursery is available each Sunday in the Parish House from 8:30am through the 11:15am service for newborns through 4-years-old.

Children's Church is age-appropriate worship held at 9:15am in St. Mary's Chapel, tailored for children K-5th grade. Bring them at 9am, then head to the church. Save a seat, as they'll join the congregation at the Peace. We also hold an age-appropriate service for 3-4 year olds in the room next to the nursery.

Sunday School is held from 10:30-11am for children through 5th grade in the Parish House, and in the Custis House for middle and high school youth. We meet in the church tower after communion and then walk to classes together.

Joyful Noise, Choristers & Cantores Youth Choirs typically rehearse in the Parish House at 11am in the choir room (unless there is no Sunday School, then they meet at 10:30am).

If you have any questions regarding the formation for our children and youth, please contact Meghan Brewer at the Parish House.



THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2018

The poinsettias at the Altar and in the Tower were arranged by Leslie Coe, Barbara Hartmann, Nan Hawks, Marty Jones, Genrose Lashinger, Dianne Spence, and Gail Taylor.

And are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of:

Drs. Raymond A. Adams and Jane Beery Adams,
Edmond Brodie Gregory II and Ann
Potterfield Gregory by the Adams family;

Gunda Cabecke Bailey by Ted Bailey;

Gloria Beane by Reggie Beane and Cathy Jett;

Lydia and Caldwell Beatty, Marie and William
Krebs by Laurie and William Krebs;

Herbert and Nancy Bell, Charlie Hackett,
Lawrence Caporal, Edwin and Melinda
Kendrew by the Bell and Caporal families;

Lib and Pat Bierer, Helen and Ralph Chamness
parents of Bessie Bierer and Kim Chamness;

Bim Black by his partner Jim Mundy;

James C. Boyd by the Boyd family;

Harroll A. Brauer, Jr., Elizabeth "Skeeter" Brauer,
Frank and Irene Colasurdo by Bill, Michelle,
Colin, Lauren, Peyton, Jackie and Mason
Brauer;

G. T. Brooks, Jr. by Dianne, Scott and
John Spence;

The Rev. Robert A. Burch by his family;

Emily Burgwyn by Colly and Kitty Burgwyn;

Bill Burleson by his wife Marlene and sons,
Bill and John;

Dr. and Mrs. Carl J. Carter, Leonard Sargeant
III by Alice Lee Sargeant;

John Chaffee husband of Karen Chaffee;

James Battle Corinth, Jackie and Frank Smith,
George Wilson, Sr. by George and Jamie
Wilson, George and Sarah Wilson;

Christopher and Pamela by Suzanne and Carter
Cowles;

Charlotte H. Coleman by Edwin R. Coleman and
Mary Clayton Coleman;

Thomas J. Cox, Jr. by his wife Susan;

Robert V. Croker, Jr. by Faith Croker;

Susan Botros Dafashy and Wagih Dafashy by
Jessica and John Dafashy;

Wagih Dafashy and Angelino Sechi by the
Dafashy family;

Virginia and Bob Darling, Bill McNeal by Betsy
and Stu Darling;

Barbara Bancroft Davis by Lynne and Mark
Lyons;

Edna and Albert Dugge, Robert Taylor
grandparents and father of Ginny and
Bill Dugge;

Alfred R. Ellis and Judith M. Ellis by Ellis and
Houston families;

Earl and Helen Finley, Tony and Norma Pryor
by Marianne and Charles Pryor;

Nancy W. Fogarty by John A. Fogarty, John R.
Fogarty, Laura Fogarty;

Robert W. Gaut by his daughter Barbara;

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Geddy, Jr. by their
family;

Bob Gruber by his wife Nina;

Channing Moore Hall, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Channing
Moore Hall, Miss Emily Hall, Susan Hall
Godson from their family;

Douglas and Janis Harnish, Bernard and Alice
Strassels by Deborah and Paul Strassels;

Dick Hartman by Armen Hartman;

Dr. and Mrs. George R. Hetrich, Brother, George
R. Hetrich, Jr., Harman and Amelia Hohl,
Sister, Janet Wamsher, Philip Clavell, Jr.,
Ed Shipley by Carl and Carolyn Hohl;

Dorothy Huyler mother of Kim Defibaugh;

George and Virginia Jenkins, Carl and Hilda
Price by Dan and Cyndy Jenkins;

Roy Jennings by his wife Phyllis and family;

Richard Hall Jones by Frances, Scott and Beth;

Marilyn June Koehler by Don Koehler;

James F. Layton by Ann Marie Layton;

Bonnie Robertson Lent by her children Jennifer
Lent Hamilton and Carey Lent Mclaughlin;

Bonnie Robertson Lent, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur
William Lent, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Gibson
Robertson, Jr. by Robert N. Lent;



Trist and Helen McConnell by Sally and Bringier McConnell;	John K. Webster by his family
Margaret and Frank MacDonald by Nancy Weaver;	In memory of the parents of: Larry Kohmescher
Bob and Patti Magnusson by Kris Magnusson and family;	In memory of loved ones:
David Monroe by his wife Gabriele Monroe;	Our departed daughters, Bruton Chapter, Daughters of the King;
Andrew Walker Mulligan by his parents Dianne and Scott Spence and his brother John Spence;	Florence and Marjorie by Jill Sitzer;
Marc Williams Myers by Hank and Martie Myers;	John and Jane Geisler; Kathryn Smith
Don and Ella Mae Parker, Patricia Parker by Randy, Sheldon, Susan, Liz and their families;	In thanksgiving for: our 40th wedding anniversary by Mark and Clara Pierson;
Nicholas Prosche, Darcey James, Bob and Valaris Roddy, Harley and Vivian James by Sally and Richard James;	our many blessings by Sally and Bill Libby; Stewart and Catherine by Lenore Petoe;
David and Evelyn Rittenhouse, Ward Rittenhouse parents and brother of Marty Rittenhouse;	all who serve our church and our community by Roger and Marty Jones;
Edward and Frances Roscoe, Lew de Seife, Velma de Seife by Linda and Lew de Seife;	our children and grandchildren by Vic and Jeanne Trapani
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Smith by Doug and Bobbi Smith;	In honor of: Bruton Parish Ushers by Ginny and Bill Dugge;
Daniel D. Schwartz, Ruth J. Schwartz, Dudley Schwartz, James B. Smith, Virginia M. Smith by Barbara and Jim Smith;	our new grandchildren Jackson Luke Poitras and Charleigh Adele Diakun by Betty and Alan Diakun;
Edward Francis and Louise Roebuck Seward, Edward Raymond Seward, Sr. and Louise Mallory Seward, John Boone, Sr. and Rae DeLawter Boone, Theodore A. Herbert by Ray and Eileen Seward;	Stella Catherine Grogg, Sophie Anne Grogg by Patricia Warner Grogg and William Grogg;
Rt. Rev. David S. Rose by his granddaughter Quincy L. Shiver;	Todd and Suzanne Jenkins, children Ethan and Lauren, Jonathan and Ann Marie Jenkins, children Ian and Ryan by Dan and Cyndy Jenkins;
Merle Shultz and Josephene Saville Shultz by their son Philip;	Carol McNeal by Betsy and Stu Darling;
Theophil Skrzpek by his wife Gayle;	Andrew, Connor, Daniel, Emma, Caitlyn and Caroline grandchildren of Hope and Nolan Yelich;
Charles and Mary Jane Smith parents of Linda Smith;	the Floral Guild by Jill Sitzer;
Laurance E. Smith, Steven Laurance Smith and Helen Willis by Bonnie L. Smith;	the Floral Guild by Joan Palmer;
Pearl Sosinski by Neil Glenicki;	George and Jean Rose by Chris, Lisa, Payton, Kevin, Donna and Mason;
Albert Logan Steel, Jr., Jane Page Mears Steel by their son John G. Steel;	our children and grandchildren by Laurie and William Krebs;
Alice and Stuart Thomson, Sidney Taylor by Gail and Tony Taylor;	our children and grandchildren by Michael and Johanna Thompson;
Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Turner by Marlene Turner;	in honor and thanksgiving for the outstanding Bruton Parish clergy who lead and support us all: Chris, Josh, Lauren, Dan and Jan by Chuck and Leith Mullaly.
Margaret and Ray Warner, Raye B. Roache by Ray and Susan Warner;	



INTERESTING BOOKS IN THE HENNAGE LIBRARY

Bill Bynum, Library Committee

Our parish is blessed with The Hennage Library, a small (1,700) but carefully chosen collection of faith-based materials available to educate, enlighten and entertain members of our congregation, originally established with the generous support of Joseph and June Hennage. The Library is located in the lower level of the Parish House and is open from 9am to 5pm on Friday and daily whenever meetings are not scheduled there. Check the availability of the library by visiting the Parish Calendar on our website or call the Parish House (757) 229-2891.

New Acquisitions

New Acquisitions are displayed in the walnut shelving on the left side of the Hennage Library.

Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices, Forward Movement, 2018.

Authors: Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe
"Walk in Love is the perfect introduction into what it means to not only worship as an Episcopalian but to live out the Christian life as an Episcopalian! In informative, easily digestible portions, the authors walk through the Book of Common Prayer, the place of the Bible, the practices of faith, and the structure of the Episcopal Church, connecting them into everyday life. This book should be a staple for newcomers classes, adult forums, and anyone looking to learn more about living life the Episcopal way."

GUILD OF BRUTON AUTHORS

Debbie Rinner

The Library Committee has accepted two new members into the Guild (Class of 2018). They will be publicly inducted at a date to be announced soon (probably at a 7:30 service). Congratulations to John Livecchi who wrote *Retellings: Homer's Characters Speak in our Time* and to Jonathan Stolz, MD who wrote *Medicine from Cave Dwellers to Millennials*.

Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as Guide to a Spiritual Life
Forward Movement, 2016

Author: Derek A. Olsen

"Too often, the Book of Common Prayer is open to a few familiar pages on Sunday and closed the rest of the days, with little regard to the deep, transformative spirituality inside. With humor, deep reverence, and academic insight that is anything but dry and boring, Derek Olsen reminds us of the breath of the Spirit, the lives of the saints, the love of Jesus, and the magnificence of God held in the words, silence, and worship of our Book of Common Prayer."

Note: Forward Movement is a ministry of the Episcopal Church in the United States whose mission is to reinvigorate the life of the church.

Since 1935, Forward Movement has published the quarterly devotional *Forward Day by Day*, as well as books and pamphlets that foster spiritual growth and encourage discipleship.

Continuing Our Tour Through the Books of the Hennage Library

The books in the Hennage Library are arranged by subject according to the Dewey Decimal classification system. The Subject Catalog lists the books of the Library in the order of their Dewey Decimal classifications. There is a printed copy of the Subject Catalog in the Library and a PDF version available through a link on the web page of the Hennage Library, accessible from the Bruton Parish Church main web page.

We continue our tour at the Dewey Decimal classification 232 Jesus with short reviews of four books in this subject area.

Jesus Through The Centuries

Yale University Press, 1985. Hennage Library call number: 232.9 PeIJ C1

Author: Jaroslav Pelikan

Professor Pelikan gives the purpose of his book in the introductory chapter by first quoting Albert Schweitzer: "Each successive epoch found its own thoughts in Jesus, which was, indeed, the only way in which it could make him live". The author then goes on to say: "This book presents a history of such images of Jesus, as these have appeared from the first century to the twentieth. Precisely because in Schweitzer's words, it has been characteristic of each age of history to depict Jesus in accordance with its own character, it will be an important part of our task to set these images into their historical contexts."

Defining Jesus: The Earthly, the Biblical, the Historical and the Real Jesus, and How Not to Confuse Them, Cascade Books, 2015. Hennage call number: 232 SouD

Author: Richard N. Soulen

Professor Soulen wants to clarify "the semantic content of the name of Jesus as it is used (and misused) in professional biblical studies, the church, and the popular press." The "Earthly Jesus" refers "to that complex of historical statements about the person Jesus of Nazareth that the four Gospels either share or do not significantly contradict and whose validity contemporary historians of note, both religious and secular, find highly plausible." The "Biblical Jesus" "refers to the Jesus one meets when reading the Gospels and writings of the New Testament." The "Historical Jesus" refers to a portrait of Jesus constructed by a historian, developed from a set of basic assumptions about Jesus and the culture in which he lived. Such a portrait is necessarily conjectural and hypothetical. Professor Soulen then lists criteria that he feels "normative portraits" of the Historical Jesus must meet. In the final chapter

of the book, Professor Soulen takes the term "the Real Jesus" to "refer to an experience that over the centuries has been identified with the presence of the living Lord." Professor Soulen ends the book by relating the testimonies from five individual Christians of their personal experience with Christ's presence, the "Real Jesus."

The Humor of Christ
Harper & Row, 1964.

Hennage call number: 232.9 TruH
Author: Dr. Elton Trueblood

Dr. Trueblood organizes his book into four chapters. First, he challenges the conventional picture of a Christ who never laughed. Then, he analyzes Christ's humor with reference to humor in general. He then considers the type of humor found most widely in the Gospels, that of irony. Finally, he analyzes the three particular ways in which Christ's humor is employed, first, in controversy, second, in parables, and third, in short dialogues.

The Politics of Jesus

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, Co., 1972, 1994
Hennage call number: 232 YodP

Author: Professor Johnh Howard Yoder

This book is the most widely recognized of all of Professor Yoder's publications. The evangelical publication Christianity Today in 2000 included this book in its list of the top ten books of the 20th century. In the first chapter, Professor Yoder states the purpose of the book: "[This book] claims not only that Jesus is, according to the biblical witness, a model of radical political action, but that this issue is now generally visible throughout New Testament studies." In successive chapters, Professor Yoder uses the Gospel of Luke and St. Paul's letter to the Romans to support his assertion that a radical Christian pacifism is the most faithful approach for the disciple of Christ.

NEW LAY READER TRAINING

Susan Allen

New Lay Reader Training will take place in January. If you are interested in serving at Bruton as a Lector (reads scripture), Eucharistic Minister (administers the chalice at Holy Communion), or Worship Leader (leads Noonday Prayer and/or Evening Prayer services) please contact Susan Allen at seallen1@cox.net by January 10.



COMMUNITY VIDEO SERIES:

HOW OUR HISTORY CONTINUES TO AFFECT US

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

January 6, 13 & 20 from 2:30 - 5pm
Lane Auditorium, Bruton Heights School
301 1st Street, Williamsburg

In January 2019, All Together Williamsburg and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation will join to co-sponsor How Our History Continues to Affect Us, a video series on race in America that explores the origins of slavery and its continued impact. The series features screenings of modern documentaries Traces of the Trade and concludes with a community discussion facilitated by members of Colonial Williamsburg's Education, Research & Historical Interpretation.

The event kicks-off the 40th year of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's African-American interpretation initiative and is free and open to the community.

Special Community Participants from All Together Williamsburg will include Leslie Revilock, Barbara Watson, and Stephen Seals.

Participants from Colonial Williamsburg Foundation will include:

Stephen Seals, Nation Builder
James Armistead Lafayette &
Community Outreach Liaison

Katrinah Lewis, Artistic Director
of Museum Theatre

Kurt Smith, Nation Builder
Young Thomas Jefferson

Lindsey Foster, Actor Interpreter

The Schedule of the video series:

Screening of Traces of the Trade (Part I)
Sunday, January 6 from 2:30 - 5pm

Screening of 13th
Sunday, January, 13 from 2:30 - 5pm

Community discussion facilitated by Colonial Williamsburg staff Stephen Seals, Katrinah Lewis, Kurt Smith & Lindsey Foster
Sunday, January 20 from 2:30-5 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the above video series, please contact Anna Cordle Harry at either 757-220-7571 or acordle@cwf.org.



Pictured to the left: New unwrapped toys and books were donated by our children, youth and parishioners and given to Saint Nicholas to give to FISH for children in need. Thank you to all who gave!

FRIENDS DAY: MAY 4

Plans are underway for an exceptional Seventh Annual Friends Day to be celebrated on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

In 1619 three events occurred that would have major influence on the English New World and the nation that evolved. In that year the first representative assembly met at the church in Jamestown. Also in that year Jamestown saw the introduction of enslaved Africans into the New World. A third significant event impacting Jamestown was the decision by the Virginia Company of London to order that women, "maids young and uncorrupt" be recruited "to make wives to the inhabitants".

To honor the 400th anniversary of the momentous events of 1619, the Seventh Annual Friends Day program will take place at Historic Jamestown.

The day's events will begin with a service of Holy Communion at the site of the 1608 church. This will be followed by a box luncheon when our guest speaker will be The Honorable John Charles Thomas, the first African-American and the youngest person ever appointed to serve as an Associate Justice on the Virginia Supreme Court.

Following the luncheon there will be a presentation by Mark Summers of Jamestown Rediscovery at the Brick Church where the first representative assembly met. The presentation will include information about recent archeological discoveries at the ancient church.

Due to the limitations of space for the luncheon at Jamestown, early registration is highly recommended. You can reserve your place now by contacting Hilary Cooley at (757) 345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org. A special invitation to Friends of Bruton with registration details will be sent out shortly after the first of the year.



BRUTON SINGLES

Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin, Spence Witten and Sandy Lenthall

Bruton Singles is a fellowship ministry tailored towards parishioners and members of the wider community who are single. We typically get together once each week to attend various events in the parish and the larger community. Each event is accompanied by a meal and/or dessert (paid separately) at which we enjoy fellowship and discussion. To participate in any event, please procure tickets to the function (if necessary) and contact the listed coordinator.

Saturday, January 12, 4:30pm
Ichiban Japanese Restaurant & Movie at New Town Cinema

Meet us for dinner at 4:30pm at Ichiban Asian restaurant in New Town, after which we'll then pick a movie at Regal Cinema (cost of dinner + \$7.50 ticket). Please call Eda Martin (757) 253-1477 to rsvp.

Sunday, January 20, 2pm-5pm
2019 Winter Blues Jazz Festival:

Sunday Jazz Wind Down on DoG Street
Meet us at 2pm at the Parish House reception area and we will walk over to the tent to enjoy over two hours of great jazz music. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Please call Heidi Elam at (757) 897-5012 to rsvp.

Tuesday, January 29, 8pm-10pm
English Country Dancing with Williamsburg Heritage Dancers
Meet us at 8pm at the Newport House at 710 South Henry Street for English Country Dancing. Williamsburg Heritage Dancers meet weekly to learn and enjoy this style of social dance (cost \$1 contribution). Please rsvp to Sandy Lenthall by email at singles@brutonparish.org.



NEW YEAR'S (SPIRITUAL) RESOLUTIONS

Marty Easton

If you're making resolutions for the new year, how about adding spiritual resolutions? Here are some questions to help with this, taken from sermons, readings and writings of others.

1. Am I living into the seasons of the church year?
2. Am I spending more time noticing the blessings around me?
3. Am I serving others more willingly and fully?
4. Am I becoming a more compassionate soul?
5. Am I growing in my capacity to be generous?
6. Am I gaining freedom from worry about not having enough?
7. Am I entrusting the people I love to God's care, in prayer?
8. Am I feeling a deeper awareness of God turning me around?
9. Am I an open channel for love that comes from God?
10. Am I closer to knowing the peace of God?
11. Am I coming to believe not in death, but in resurrection?

Before resolving anything new, you need to know where you are starting! I hope these questions can help. In closing, someone once gave me a small card with what could be a great blessing for the new year. Here it is: Care deeply; Give freely; Think kindly; Act gently; Be at peace with the world and with yourself. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

127TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN COUNCIL: FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF GOSPEL RELATIONSHIPS

Online registration to attend 2019 Council at the Williamsburg Lodge Convention Center on February 8-9, 2019, has begun. You can find more information about council on our diocesan website at bit.ly/2019diosovacouncil.

There are two keynote speakers this year!

Gannon Sims

Gannon Sims serves as Director of Ministry Formation at Fresh Expressions, an international movement of missionary disciples cultivating new kinds of church alongside existing congregations to more effectively engage our growing post-Christian society. He coordinates the Fresh Expressions efforts of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, an association of 1400 churches in Virginia and 16 other states. Sims earned the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Baylor University and the Master of Divinity degree from Duke University. Prior to entering seminary, he worked as a legislative aide in the U.S. Senate and as a public affairs officer in the anti-human trafficking office at the U.S. State Department. He has served in various roles at several churches, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Anglican. Gannon and his wife, Carey co-direct The Center for Faith and Leadership, an incubator for fresh expressions of church among the collegiate and young adult community in Fredericksburg.



The Rev'd Bobbe Fitzhugh

The Rev. Bobbe Fitzhugh is the Missioner for Fresh Expressions of Church for the Diocese of Wyoming. Bobbe ministers to parishes across the Diocese to help discern how the Holy Spirit may be leading Christ's church in fresh, new ways. She steers efforts to recognize and develop Fresh Expressions of church by practicing the Great Commission and the Great Commandment – loving God and loving people and helping build communities of faith in the world in which we live. The Rev. Fitzhugh has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Wyoming and a certificate in Theological Studies from the Seminary of the Southwest Wyoming Iona Initiative. She was ordained into the priesthood in 2015 and is a life-long Episcopalian. The Rev. Fitzhugh continues to serve Christ Church Douglas as one of its priests.



The registration fee covers the expense to convene Council. Early registration through January 9, 2019 is \$125 per person. Clergy spouses/partners, youth aged 18 & younger, and college students may register at the \$50 rate. Payment is due by January 9, 2019 to avoid a \$25 late fee. Scholarship funds are available. Please contact the Rev'd Canon Ed Tracy at etracy@diosova.org or 757-213-3378.

When you register, you may pay by credit card or check. Credit card payments are processed through PayPal. You do NOT need a PayPal account to make a credit card payment. Please make checks payable to Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia and mark "2019 Council" on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to: Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, 11827 Canon Blvd. Ste. #101, Newport News, VA 23606-3071. If you need help registering, please contact Susan Allen at sallen@diosova.org or 757-213-3391.

Cancellations through January 28, 2019 will receive a full refund. Cancellations received after January 28, 2019 will not be refunded. Non-refundable registration fees are transferrable to another participant.

Materials for Annual Council will be posted at www.diosova.org as they are available.

Nominations for Elections at Council

The following elections will take place at Annual Council: Standing Committee (one lay and one clergy); Disciplinary Board (one lay and two clergy); and for Provincial Synod (one lay and one clergy). Nomination positions, requirements, and the nomination form are also available at bit.ly/2019diosovacouncil.

Volunteers Needed at Council

If you are interested in helping with Council this year, please email Mrs. T.J. Cardwell as soon as possible at council@brutonparish.org.



BISHOP SEARCH UPDATE

The Executive Board and Standing Committee of the Diocese are pleased to announce that the Rt. Rev'd James B. Magness has accepted a call to serve as our Bishop Diocesan Pro-Tempore, effective January 1, 2019 and until such time as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia is consecrated. Bishop Jay is well known to most of us, having served in an administrative capacity in our diocese before his election as Suffragan Bishop of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries. Since his retirement from that position, he and Carolyn have been in many of our parishes, as he has served as our Assisting Bishop. The lay delegates and clergy of the Diocese will be asked to affirm this appointment at Diocesan Council in February, 2019.

GIFT SHOP TALK

Diane Koun, Shop Manager

Merriment filled the air and sales were brisk during December in the Gift Shop. With Advent calendars, cards, jewelry, and gifts galore from the shop, there must have been smiles all around the Christmas tree.

Can you believe that Pam Michael, Assistant Manager, and I are off to the Atlanta Gift Mart in January to order Christmas merchandise for 2019? We always order with you, our customers, in mind. Market is exciting because we look for new trends but also retain our favorite items.

The Chapel Hallway will become our Garden shop in March with all new merchandise heralding the beginning of Spring. After the cold of winter, it will be a welcome sight to see pastels and planters, Spring wreaths, and tulips that look and feel real but are everlastingly faux. Stay tuned for our other fabulous finds at Market. We will keep you posted!

We will be welcoming new shop Committee members in January: Betty-Wright Armbruster, Douglas Boller, Joan Gorczyk, and Kathy Mullins will be joining existing members Lynn Karlish, Linda Thomson, and Virginia Wood, with Sally McConnell serving as the new Chair. Our sincere appreciation to current Chair Leith Mullaly and Vice Chair Lianne Boller along with other departing Committee Members Stephanie Heller and Claudia Powell for a job well done.

Stephanie well done.

The new sign has been erected outside of the Gift Shop and Heritage Center Museum.

Your Shop Managers and Committee Members always invite new and former volunteers to join us for a fun-filled experience. You will enjoy meeting interesting people and receiving satisfaction that your efforts are rewarded with the knowledge that all profits benefit the mission and outreach programs of Bruton Parish Church.

Resolve in the New Year to make the Bruton Parish Gift Shop your "go to" store for all things wonderful. Happy New Year to all!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jackie Polizzi

Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born.

~Anais Nin~

We Stephen Ministers wish the New Year to be a time of peace, prayer and many moments of contentment. If you find that none of these wishes are happening in your world, please phone a Stephen Ministry Leader - Mary Jean Hurst or John Fogarty at (757) 220-2087. A confidential response will be quickly given.



DOK INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



Part of our rule of life as The Order of the Daughters of the King® is consistent intercessory prayer. Prayers are said for four weeks and may be repeated. Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for them or for others should fill out a blue request card at the church tower and drop it in the DOK prayer box. This month's prayer is offered by Donna Marshall. Prayer for The New Year was written by lecturer, activist, and author Marianne Williamson.

Prayer For The New Year

Dear God

May my life be of use
to You this year.

May my talents and intelligence
help heal the world.

May I remember how much I have
by remembering how much I have to
give.

May I not be tempted by smaller things,
but serve a larger mission of forgiveness
and love.

Thus shall I be lifted, God,
and know joy this coming year
and beyond.

Bless me and work through me
to bless the entire world.

Amen

Pictured below is Meghan Brewer, Bruton's Children & Youth Coordinator, with just one of the many dozens of cookies that were baked and decorated to be included with the M25 gift boxes to Matthew Whaley.



JUNIOR WARDEN'S CORNER: WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN

Dick Estes

As we close out the year — and what a year it has been — I wanted to provide an update on various projects. Many of you have commented positively on the clearly visible work being accomplished by our conservator. The future may be a bit more opaque without a little explanation.

Organ Update

As I write this, I have just come from a discussion with Lynn Dobson and members of his organ design team who are here as promised to examine the spaces that remain after the removal of our old Aeolian Skinner organ. We view this as an important step, as renovations have continued apace here at Bruton while, on a parallel track, the Dobson organization creates our new organ, Opus 96, in Lake City, Iowa.

At some point late in February of 2019, the old space and the new organ must precisely match, and an in-progress inspection is critical. As a reminder, the elements of the new organ are much more than the console where it is played. Some of the pipes will be visible in the space once occupied by the Samuel Green organ, which has been removed. Others will speak through grills in the ceiling. Extensive renovations are taking place not only above the altar and around the gallery, but in the attic above. All parts must fit perfectly, and be in concert with the electrical and air conditioning systems designed for the operation and environment of the new instrument.

Black Creek, our conservator and contractor, has accomplished as much as can be done inside the church itself until January. Our plan has been to keep the church open through December for services, concerts, the greening of the church, and other events associated with Advent and Christmas. Work continues in the attic, though, but should not be disruptive. In January, we will resume the renovations in earnest, completing the new floor and wider door for the console pew, so that the movable console can be rolled in and out of its home space for concerts. We will paint the entire interior of the church except the ceiling, and will complete any remaining decorative work during that period as well. We will update the sacristy behind the altar, making a tight space brighter and more pleasant for the altar guild and clergy who spend considerable time back there.

The organ components arrive the end of February, at which point we turn the church over to Dobson and company for several weeks to actually install the organ in the completely renovated church. We know the church will be closed during that period, and we will be worshipping in the Parish Hall. We will keep you updated concerning other closures — probably associated with the interior painting.

Finally, the window. Many have commented on the attractiveness of the now-exposed round window above the altar. We are agreed on that

score, but the final result will be even more beautiful. I hope, though, all will view this as an opportunity, temporary though it may be, to have a glimpse of history before the beautiful case with gilded pipes being created by Dobson is installed in front of that window — a location necessary to fully realize the sound of this world-class instrument. You can say, "I saw it when." Incidentally, the window that existed in that space before it was covered was actually a stained-glass one which still exists in storage with Colonial Williamsburg.

Audio Visual System, Burial Site, and St. Mary's Chapel

Planning continues with the Church Technology Group on a design for a complete audio-visual system for the church. This new equipment will enhance and distribute sound more evenly throughout the church. Further, the system will be capable of streaming live video online, and will be used to record sermons, concerts, and possibly entire services. The installation will include a new induction loop and associated equipment, enabling those parishioners with hearing aids to directly receive sound from throughout the chamber. We plan to install this significant upgrade in January when the interior of the church is being painted, and before the new organ is installed.

As we continue with work on the new burial area within the churchyard, we are taking care to preserve the character of an English churchyard, which, of course, was the intent of the designers in 1715. We are using oyster shell paths to divide the new areas into smaller, distinct burial sites, and the memorials will be constructed of antique bricks, reminiscent of the existing period grave markers.

Finally, St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish Hall is undergoing external renovation to correct a less than perfect design on its south side that causes water damage. Debris from the large tree overhanging the area has been clogging the roof drainage, precipitating a back-up of water which, in turn, has been seeping into the window, siding, and basement wall below. The tree has been cut back, new siding is being created, the window is being removed, and the drainage system above the damaged area has been redesigned. New lighting in the shop area inside will replace that lost by the removal of the window. You probably won't see much difference after the project is complete, but the building will be much sounder.

As I mentioned at the outset, this has been quite a year. Your vestry is grateful to the team of Mike Wanless and Rick Boye for their unceasing efforts pulling these and other projects together while conserving limited funds. We are grateful to all of you for your patience as we move toward our goals through disruptions and dust. I am confident you will find the renaissance of Bruton on the other side to be more than worth the occasional closure and change of plans. Thanks to all.



ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE

Rebecca Davy

The much-anticipated arrival of our new Dobson organ is drawing ever closer, and work preparing for that arrival continues on pace. The former organ has been entirely removed, with most of the pipes now stored in New Jersey awaiting installation in a new space. The removal of the side balconies, which blocked the north and south windows by the altar, is also complete, along with the lowering of the gallery to the level of the reredos, making room for the new organ case.



Most remarkable has been the opening up of the east window behind the altar, which was blocked by the Samuel Greene organ and will again be covered when the new organ case is placed in the gallery. Many people have expressed disappointment that the window will not remain exposed to view and have asked why the pipes weren't designed to be placed on either side of the window

rather than together in the middle. The answer to that question has to do with the history of organ building.

Prior to the harnessing of electricity, organs were all "tracker action," with the depression of each key on the keyboard mechanically opening the valve to the pipe, allowing the flow of air into the pipes to create sound. This required all organs to be compactly arranged into a single case with the keyboard attached, usually immediately in front of the case. Our organ builder, Lynn Dobson, initially proposed that a tracker-action keyboard for our new instrument be placed on the side of the case, in the gallery itself, but given the awkwardness of such a placement, a compromise was made to have electric action, keeping the console in the chancel where it has been. This allows our modern worship with choirs to continue to work smoothly while still maintaining an 18th-century appearance for the organ case itself. Unfortunately, in colonial times no organ could have been played with divided cases as would be necessary to keep the view of the window open. So just enjoy the view in these upcoming weeks!

As I'm writing this article repairs are being made to the plaster where the "winged" balconies were removed, and work continues in the attic clearing out the rooms no longer needed for the new organ and preparing for the one new room that will hold one division of pipes in a climate-controlled space, stabilizing the tuning of the organ. The organ box is under construction in our contractor's workshop, where he is building new, widened doors that will open to allow the organ console to move into the aisle between the north and south

boxes of the chancel for concerts (not services!). The floor in the organ box has been ground down to be level with the aisle to enable this mobility, and the concrete will be coated with an epoxy seal to blend with our stone tiles. More cabinetry work will finish the decorative top of the front gallery, once again hiding the reinforced steel beam from the church's 1930s restoration.

Finally, once all of the preparatory work is completed, the interior of the church will be painted, assuring that the mess and dust of that project is finished before the organ arrives the last week of February. Lynn Dobson expects the physical installation of the case and pipes, plus the gold leaf gilding of the façade pipes, to take up to five weeks. Then the slow, but critical process of voicing each pipe for our acoustic space will commence and will likely continue for four months, taking us into the middle of next summer for completion.

Inaugural celebrations for the new organ will take place next September, with three concerts and a choral Evensong service planned over the course of the month. Stay tuned for more details as the dates draw closer!

CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS FOR THE PARISH & COMMUNITY

The program begins at 8pm. Doors open at 7:30pm, no ticket required (a freewill offering will be received). Parking is permitted on Duke of Gloucester in front of the church for any concert, recital or service.

Due to final preparations for the arrival of our new Dobson pipe organ, there will only be one concert at Bruton. The series will resume at the end of March after the physical installation of the instrument. Wren concerts will continue weekly throughout unless the college closes because of weather.

Saturday, January 5
Youth Choir Concert

Jamestown Youth Choir, Chris Mooney,
Director, Tonia Herren, Accompanist,
David Gardner, Fiddle, & Dean Shostak,
Glass Harmonium

HISTORICAL ORGAN RECITALS

William & Mary's Wren Chapel @ 10am

Saturday, January 5, 12, 19, 26
Rebecca Davy, Organist



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BRUTON PARISH HELPS BUILD A HOUSE

Isabel Burch

For the past few months, Bruton parishioners have been working to help build a house for Markisha Hawkins and her family. Several of us put siding on the shed recently, and the siding on the house is almost completed. The appliances have been installed as well, and we are excited that the house will be finished in the near future. If you would like to help with the completion, please visit the volunteer hub directly to sign up at habitatpgw.volunteerhub.com or contact Isabel Burch at (757) 253-0074 or habitat@brutonparish.org.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, January 15, at 11:30am at the house which is located at 8576 Pocahontas Drive. All are welcome to attend!

Habitat has built quite a few houses in Williamsburg, and Bruton has been a part of several of these homes which are being enjoyed by dedicated first-time home owners. Helping to build these homes has been a great experience, and Habitat welcomes our participation. We will continue to let you know about future opportunities to build homes for deserving local families once the Hawkins' House is completed.



PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Pastoral Emergencies
Monday thru Friday, 9am - 5pm
Call 757-345-2250 directly or call the church office at 757-229-2891.

After 5pm and on weekends,
Please call the church office at and choose Option 6. If necessary, leave your name, telephone number and a brief message, and the clergy-on-call will return your call as soon as possible.

Parish Nurse
Sylvia Saba (757-258-4503)
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Stephen Ministry
Mary Jean Hurst & John Fogarty
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FINDING OUR NICHE: EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT ~ MARCH 8-10, 2019

The Rev'ds Lauren McDonald and Jan Brown will facilitate this retreat on discovering our spiritual gifts and putting them to use in God's service. In the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Paul writes about the variety of gifts that we receive through the Holy Spirit. Some gifts are clear to us; others take time to discover. Join us as we explore the gifts the Spirit has given us and answer God's call to use them.

Space for up to 40 women has been reserved at Camp Chanco. Meals will be provided. \$175/person covers food/lodging for a double room. Single occupancy is \$225.

Please make checks payable to Bruton Parish. If cost is prohibitive, please contact Lauren regarding the possibility of a scholarship by contacting her at (757) 229-2891 or lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.

Rooms are motel-style with two beds plus a bathroom. Linens are provided.

The retreat will begin at 6pm for dinner on Friday, March 8, and end Sunday morning, March 10. To attend, you must commit to the full retreat.

The retreat will be alcohol-free.



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Women's Lenten Retreat March 8-10, 2019

I plan to attend the retreat Name: _____

I can be reached at Phone: _____

Email: _____

I will need a special diet Type: _____
i.e. vegetarian, gluten free, low sodium, food allergy

My roommate preference Name: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Registration Forms may be dropped off at the Parish Receptionist's desk.